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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

RAUTH et al.

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Application No.: 10/069,974

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For: METHOD FOR BINDING NUCLEIC ACIDS TO A SOLID PHASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 9, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44 as follows:

Please cancel claim 38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

4. (Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, the surface has hydroxyl groups as hydrophilic groups.
5. (Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the solid phase is solid particles.